

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please consider the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sectioning apparatus for a form-fitting cover of an object comprising:

at least two a plurality of material coupling members coupled to at least one portion of the form-fitting cover so as to form a substantially air tight seal over said portion of said form-fitting cover; and

a separating assembly coupled to said at least two a plurality of material coupling members and separable into a plurality of at least two separation mating members; said separating assembly configured to separate the form fitting cover into a plurality of sections;

said plurality of material coupling members and said separating assembly attach to said form fitting cover along a predetermined seam area of said form fitting cover;

wherein whereby said coupling separation mating members allow the cover to be moved or removed to allow access to the object if in an open position and a hole is cut through said form-fitting cover there beneath and then said coupling members separation mating members can be to form a weather resistant closure if closed reapplied such that form-fitting cover is in place over the object.

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said ~~plurality of material coupling members comprise:~~

~~a first member coupled to a first section of the cover; and~~

~~a second member coupled to a second section of the cover~~ material coupling members are coupled to said form-fitting cover by an adhesive.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in claim 1 2 wherein ~~said first section is adjacent said second section~~ said object is a vehicle and/or trailer.

4. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said material coupling members are coupled to said form-fitting cover by shrink-wrapping ~~plurality of material coupling members comprise elements selected from at least one of adhesive elements, snap elements, hook elements, loop elements, locking elements and stitching elements.~~
5. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 1 further comprising at least one protection element coupled to said ~~plurality of~~ at least two material coupling members.
6. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein said at least one protection element is at least one element selected from the group of elements consisting essentially of plastic wrap, wax paper, and non-stick paper.
7. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said ~~plurality of~~ at least two material coupling members have a non-adhesive side.
8. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said ~~plurality of~~ at least two material coupling members and said separating assembly ~~are in the form of~~ comprise a tape.
9. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein the form-fitting cover ~~is in the form of a~~ comprises shrink-wrap material.
10. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said separation mating members are adapted to be removably closed ~~separating assembly comprises: a first separation mating member; and a second separation mating member.~~

11. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said separation mating members overlap ~~separating assembly comprises: a first separation mating member having hooks; and a second separation mating member having loops.~~

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said separating assembly comprises at least one mating element selected from the group of mating elements consisting essentially of: grommet elements, snap elements, hook elements, loop elements, locking elements, and zipper elements.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
a form-fitting cover; and
a sectioning apparatus comprising:
at least two material coupling members coupled to at least one portion of said form-fitting cover to form a substantially air tight seal over said portion of said cover; and
a separating assembly coupled to said material coupling members and separable into at least two separating assembly elements, said separating assembly adapted to be separated to allow access to said portion of said cover and said separating assembly elements adapted to form a weather resistant closure ~~separating assembly adapted to be closed so as to form a substantially air tight seal over said portion of said cover.~~

16-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

at least one coupling member adapted to be coupled onto at least one portion of a form-fitting cover to form a substantially air tight seal over said portion of said form-fitting cover, wherein said form-fitting cover is adapted to cover an object to create a substantially air tight seal over at least one portion of said object; and

a separating assembly on said coupling member, wherein said separating assembly is adapted to be opened to ~~break said substantially air tight seal to~~ allow access to said at least one portion of said form-fitting cover and to said at least one portion of said object ~~therebeneath~~ there beneath where an access hole is cut through said at least one portion of said form-fitting cover, and wherein said separating assembly is adapted to be removably closed to protect against ingress of environmental elements ~~to seal said coupling member over said access hole so as to create a substantially air tight seal over said at least one portion of said object.~~

29. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 28 wherein said ~~object comprises at least one of a vehicle and/or trailer~~ separation assembly comprises at least a zip-lock member.

30. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 28 wherein said ~~coupling member is coupled to said form-fitting cover by shrink wrapping~~ separation assembly comprises at least a zip-lock member and a hook and loop member.

31. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 28 wherein said ~~separating assembly comprises one or more attachment elements selected from the group of elements consisting essentially of: adhesive elements, snap elements, locking elements and stitching elements~~ coupling member is coupled to said form-fitting cover by an adhesive.

32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28 wherein said separating assembly comprises at least two mating members.

33. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 28 wherein said separating assembly seals ~~said coupling member~~ is adapted to be closed with at least one mating element from the group of mating elements consisting essentially of: a grommet, ~~a zip-lock element~~, hook elements, and loop elements, snap elements, locking elements and/or a zipper element.

34. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 28 wherein said separating assembly further comprises a sealing flap coupled to said coupling member and adapted to cover an exterior portion of said separating assembly ~~to form said seal~~.

35. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 28 wherein said coupling member and said separating assembly are adapted to form a substantially water tight seal over said cover.

36. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 28 wherein said separating assembly is adapted to be closed to form a substantially air tight seal ~~capable of being re-opened to allow at least a second access to said at least one portion of said form-fitting cover and said at least one portion of said object therebeneath where an access hole is cut through said at least one portion of said form-fitting cover, and said separating assembly is capable of being re-closed to allow at least a second seal to seal said coupling member over said access hole in said form-fitting cover so as to create a substantially air tight seal over said at least one portion of said object.~~

37. (Withdrawn) An apparatus comprising:

a first coupling member adapted to be coupled onto a first portion of a form-fitting cover, wherein said form-fitting cover is adapted to cover an object to create a substantially air tight seal over at least a portion of said object;

a second coupling member adapted to be coupled onto a second portion of said form-fitting cover; and

a separating assembly located on at least one of said first and second coupling members that is adapted to removably seal said first and second coupling members together in a substantially air tight manner such that said first and second coupling members are capable of forming a substantially air tight seal over at least a portion of said cover, and wherein said separating assembly is adapted to be opened to break said substantially air tight seal over said cover.

38. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein said separating assembly is adapted to be opened to allow access to said object beneath said cover where an access hole is cut through said portion of said cover, and wherein said separating assembly is adapted to be closed to form a substantially air tight seal over said object.

39. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein said separating assembly further comprises one or more attachment elements selected from the group of elements consisting essentially of: adhesive elements, snap elements, locking elements and/or stitching elements.

40. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein said separating assembly further comprises at least two mating members.

41. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 37 further comprising at least one protection member adapted to be coupled to at least one of said first and second coupling members so as to prevent said at least one of said first and second coupling members from coupling onto said cover unless said protection member is removed from said at least one of said first and second coupling members.

42. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 41 wherein said protection member further comprises one or more non-stick materials selected from the group of materials consisting essentially of: plastic wrap, wax paper, and/or non-stick paper.

43. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein at least one of said first and second coupling members further comprises an adhesive side adapted for coupling at least one of said first and second coupling members to said cover and a non-adhesive side adapted to allow said first and second coupling members sealed with said sealing member to be rolled up without adhering to each other.

44. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein said separating assembly seals said first and second coupling members with at least one element selected from the group of elements consisting essentially of: a grommet, a zip-lock element, hook and loop elements, and a zipper element.

45. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein said separating assembly further comprises a sealing flap coupled to at least one of said first and second coupling members and that is adapted to cover an exterior portion of said separating assembly to form said seal.

46. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein said first and second coupling members and said separating assembly are adapted to form a substantially water tight seal over said cover.

47. (Withdrawn) An apparatus comprising:

a coupling member adapted to be coupled onto at least one portion of a substantially air-tight barrier such that said coupling member forms a substantially air-tight seal over at least a portion of said barrier; and

a separating assembly on said coupling member, wherein said separating assembly has at least two overlapping portions adapted to be opened to allow access to said barrier, and wherein said overlapping portions are adapted to be closed to seal said coupling member over said barrier so as to create a substantially air-tight seal over said barrier.

48. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 47 wherein said barrier further comprises an access cut through at least a portion of said barrier; wherein said overlapping portions in an open position are adapted to allow access to said access, and wherein said overlapping portions in a closed position are adapted to create a substantially air-tight seal over said barrier and said access.

49. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 47 wherein said barrier is adapted to create a barrier in a decontamination unit.

50. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein said barrier is adapted to create a barrier over a doorway or window of a structure.

51. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a tape adapted to be coupled onto at least one portion of a shrink-wrap cover such that said tape forms a substantially air-tight and water-tight seal over said shrink-wrap cover, wherein said shrink-wrap cover is adapted to cover an object to create a substantially air-tight and water-tight seal over at least one portion of said object;

a separating assembly on said tape, wherein said separating assembly has at least two overlapping portions adapted to be opened to allow access to said at least one portion of said shrink-wrap cover and to said at least one portion of said object ~~therebeneith~~ there beneath where an access hole is cut through said at least one portion of said shrink-wrap cover, and wherein said overlapping portions ~~are adapted to~~ form a weather resistant closure ~~be closed to seal said tape~~ over said shrink-wrap cover and so as to create a substantially air-tight and water-tight seal over said at least one portion of said object if closed;

wherein said overlapping portions further comprise at least two mating members adapted to ~~seal said tape~~ form said weather resistant closure with one or more elements selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of: a grommet, snap element, ~~zip-lock element~~, hook element, and loop element and zipper element;

wherein said first and second coupling members further comprise an adhesive side adapted for coupling said first and second coupling members to said cover and a non-adhesive side adapted to allow said first and second coupling members ~~sealed with said overlapping~~ portions to be rolled up without adhering to said first and second coupling members ~~each other~~; and

~~wherein said first and second coupling members further comprise~~ at least one protection member adapted to be coupled to said adhesive side so as to prevent said first and second coupling members from coupling onto said cover unless said protection member is removed from said first and second coupling members; wherein said protection member comprises one or more non-stick materials selected from the group consisting essentially of: plastic wrap, wax paper and non-stick paper.

52. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a tape adapted to be coupled onto at least one portion of a shrink-wrap cover such that said tape forms a substantially air-tight ~~and water-tight~~ seal over said cover, wherein said cover

is adapted to cover an object to create a substantially air-tight ~~and water-tight~~ seal over at least one portion of said object; and

a separating assembly on said tape, wherein said separating assembly has at least two mating members adapted to be opened to allow access to said at least one portion of said cover and to said at least one portion of said object ~~therebeneith~~ there beneath where an access hole is cut through said at least one portion of said cover, and wherein said mating members are adapted to be removeably closed to form a closure resistant to ingress of environmental elements seal ~~said tape over said cover so as to create a substantially air tight and water tight seal over~~ to said at least one portion of said object.

53. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 52 wherein said mating members at least partially overlap.